

# STEUBEN COUNTY FARM STATISTICS

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Steuben county is located in the southern tier of New York bordering Pennsylvania. In 1998, there were 363,200 acres in farms, 41 percent of the county's total 891,520 acres. There were 1,525 farms in the county averaging 238 acres per farm. Steuben county ranks 3rd in the state for number of farms and 2nd for land in farms.

In 1997, according to the Census of Agriculture, the market value of all agricultural products sold from county farms was \$78.7 million. Total sales averaged \$60,745 per farm. The leading products sold were: dairy products, other crops, cattle and calves, poultry products, and hay and silage.

The average value of land and buildings per farm in 1997 was \$200,320. Machinery and equipment were valued at \$49,971 per farm. Total production expenses in 1997 were \$61.3 million for an average of \$47,312 per farm. The Census showed 54 percent of the farm operators reported farming as their principal occupation. The average age of the operator was 53.8 years. Data from the U.S. Department of Commerce showed the average personal income for all wage earners in the county in 1996 was \$21,085.

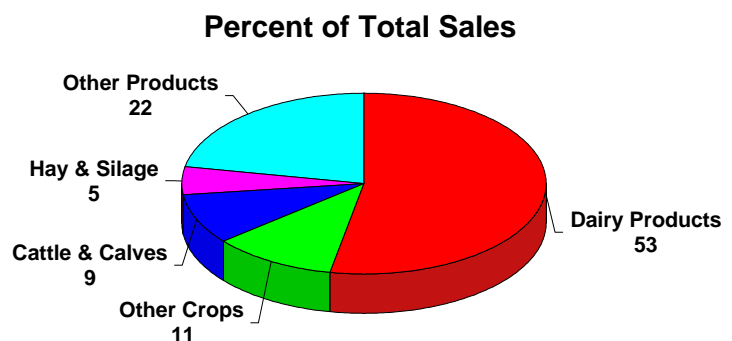
## LEADING AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS

Product	1997 Sales Thous. Dol.	Percent of Total	County Rank
Dairy Products	41,806	53	12
Other Crops	8,613	11	2
Cattle & Calves	7,017	9	6
Poultry Products	D	0	7
Hay & Silage	3,829	5	4
Other Products	17,400	22	
<b>TOTAL SALES</b>	<b>78,665</b>		<b>8</b>

1997 Census of Agriculture

D: Cannot be disclosed-included in "Other Products"

## LEADING AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS



### FARMS, LAND IN FARMS, AND LAND USE

Year	Number of Farms	Land in Farms	Total Cropland 1/	Permanent Pasture 2/	Total Woodland 3/	Other Land 4/
		Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres
1940	4,513	664,016	5/	5/	134,970	5/
1950	3,833	632,295	338,176	109,630	149,251	35,238
1959	2,704	567,380	287,669	94,015	145,654	40,042
1969	1,799	456,957	253,619	5/	121,504	5/
1978	1,549	429,737	245,039	40,224	111,207	33,267
1982	1,525	412,558	237,160	33,369	110,409	31,620
1987	1,565	402,000	237,900	31,700	99,500	32,900
1992	1,475	399,400	236,900	38,800	98,700	25,000
1993	1,500	394,600	234,000	37,700	96,700	26,200
1994	1,515	383,900	230,100	35,800	93,200	24,800
1995	1,515	382,400	229,900	35,600	92,800	24,100
1996	1,530	375,700	228,000	34,200	89,800	23,700
1997	1,550	375,100	228,500	34,000	89,300	23,300
1998	1,525	363,200	225,400	32,200	84,200	21,400

1940-1982 U.S. Census of Agriculture 1/ Includes cropland pastured. 2/ Excludes cropland and woodland pastured.  
3/ Includes woodland pastured. 4/ Land in house lots, ponds, wasteland, etc. 5/ Not available.

### FARMS BY SALES CLASS

Sales Class	1992	1997
Number of Farms		
Under \$10,000	633	664
\$10,000 to \$49,999	254	280
\$50,000 to \$99,999	137	135
\$100,000 or more	230	216
Farms Reporting	1254	1295
U. S. Census of Agriculture		

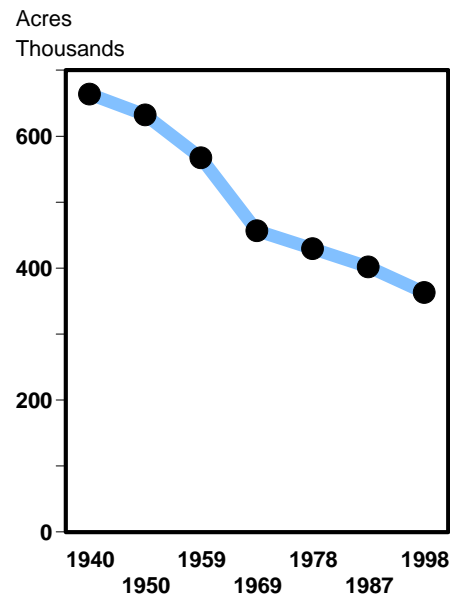
### RESIDENT POPULATION

In 1998, County's population ranked 28th in the state

Year	Total	Population Per Square Mile
1940	84,900	61
1950	91,400	66
1960	97,700	70
1970	99,500	71
1980	99,200	71
1990	99,100	71
1998	97,950	70

U.S. Census of Population

### Land in Farms



**CATTLE: Number on Farms, January 1**

Year	All Cattle & Calves	Beef Cows	Milk Cows
Number on farms			
1940	46,474	1/	1/
1950	53,876	834	30,537
1959	57,966	2,025	30,638
1969	54,433	3,814	25,088
1978	61,000	3,700	30,000
1982	57,000	4,500	27,500
1987	61,000	4,600	28,000
1992	59,000	4,200	25,500
1993	60,000	3,900	25,000
1994	59,000	4,300	25,000
1995	58,000	3,600	25,000
1996	55,000	3,800	21,000
1997	56,000	4,800	20,000
1998	57,000	5,000	21,500

1940-1969 U.S. Census of Agriculture

1/ Not available.

**MILK: Cows & Production**

Year	Annual Avg. Milk Cows	Average Production Per Cow	Total Milk Production
No. Head      Pounds      Million lbs.			
1940	1/	1/	1/
1950	1/	1/	1/
1959	1/	1/	1/
1969	1/	1/	1/
1978	29,500	10,900	321.6
1982	28,000	12,200	341.6
1987	26,000	14,200	369.2
1992	25,500	15,600	397.8
1993	25,000	15,500	387.5
1994	23,500	16,000	376.0
1995	22,000	16,600	365.2
1996	21,000	16,800	352.8
1997	20,500	16,800	344.4
1998	20,500	17,000	348.5

1/ Not available.

**OATS: Acreage, Yield, and Production**

Year	Planted	Harvested	Yield	Production
Acres      Acres      Bushels      Bushels				
1940	1/	36,523	21.9	798,606
1950	1/	31,353	25.2	791,387
1959	1/	37,618	46.7	1,756,648
1969	1/	1/	1/	1/
1978	26,200	23,500	57.2	1,344,600
1982	25,800	24,900	66.2	1,649,200
1987	21,500	18,400	60.0	1,103,900
1992	14,700	12,700	72.0	914,400
1993	13,900	12,400	52.0	647,400
1994	9,900	8,500	60.0	510,000
1995	9,600	9,100	60.0	542,800
1996	11,600	9,500	56.0	532,300
1997	13,700	12,300	66.0	811,800
1998	15,900	14,700	61.0	896,000

1940-1969 U.S. Census of Agriculture

1/ Not available.

**WHEAT: Acreage, Yield, and Production**

Year	Planted	Harvested	Yield	Production
Acres      Acres      Bushels      Bushels				
1940	1/	6,914	20.1	138,714
1950	1/	13,415	24.7	331,487
1959	1/	11,114	23.5	261,633
1969	6,000	5,600	34.7	194,400
1978	2,500	2,400	30.8	74,000
1982	3,900	2,600	37.2	96,600
1987	1,500	1,300	37.0	48,100
1992	3,000	2,800	45.0	126,000
1993	2,100	1,800	45.0	81,000
1994	2,500	2,400	48.0	115,200
1995	2,700	2,700	58.0	156,600
1996	3,400	3,200	44.0	140,800
1997	2,900	2,600	49.0	127,400
1998	3,000	2,800	43.0	120,400

1940-1969 U.S. Census of Agriculture

1/ Not available.

**EQUINE: Inventory and Value,****1997 Census of Agriculture**

Total Equine	Rank in State	Inventory Value	Rank in State
1448	5	\$185,000	25

**CORN: Acreage, Yield, and Production**

Year	All Planted	Grain			Silage		
		Harvested	Yield	Production	Harvested	Yield	Production
	Acres	Acres	Bushels	Bushels	Acres	Tons	Tons
1940	18,220	2,914	32.9	95,935	1/	1/	1/
1950	14,105	2,314	48.0	111,058	11,096	8.4	92,658
1959	14,349	3,758	56.5	212,235	10,338	10.4	107,993
1969	21,600	6,900	92.4	637,700	1/	1/	1/
1978	43,000	20,300	86.1	1,748,700	22,000	13.5	297,000
1982	47,300	23,500	81.4	1,912,900	22,700	11.8	267,900
1987	41,000	20,500	98.0	2,009,000	19,900	14.0	278,600
1992	40,100	16,000	83.0	1,328,000	22,400	13.4	300,200
1993	36,500	16,400	85.0	1,397,000	19,800	13.1	259,400
1994	36,800	17,400	114.0	1,987,100	19,400	15.7	303,800
1995	37,800	19,700	97.0	1,907,900	17,900	13.6	243,800
1996	38,800	20,800	95.0	1,984,800	17,700	15.1	266,700
1997	39,500	19,700	109.0	2,147,300	19,400	14.6	282,600
1998	36,700	18,300	112.0	2,055,600	18,400	15.8	290,700

1940-1969 U.S. Census of Agriculture

1/ Not available

**HAY: Acreage, Yield, and Production 1/**

Year	Alfalfa Hay			Other Hay			Total Hay		
	Harvested	Yield	Production	Harvested	Yield	Production	Harvested	Yield	Production
	Acres	Tons	Tons	Acres	Tons	Tons	Acres	Tons	Tons
1940	6,220	1.5	9,242	118,452	0.7	86,329	124,672	2.0	243,124
1950	4,666	1.3	6,242	96,107	1.0	96,215	100,773	1.0	102,457
1959	25,214	2.0	50,247	73,128	1.5	108,684	98,342	1.6	158,931
1969	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/	86,723	1.8	160,097
1978	36,100	2.4	86,600	69,700	1.8	125,500	105,800	2.0	212,100
1982	36,500	2.6	94,900	65,600	1.9	124,600	102,100	2.1	219,500
1987	32,000	2.5	79,800	65,000	1.9	125,500	97,000	2.1	205,300
1992	41,100	2.1	84,800	51,700	1.7	87,000	92,800	1.9	171,800
1993	32,800	2.0	66,000	60,000	1.5	87,500	92,800	1.7	153,500
1994	29,100	2.4	70,400	59,500	1.7	98,700	88,600	1.9	169,100
1995	29,600	2.2	65,100	57,800	1.4	80,900	87,400	1.7	146,000
1996	29,100	2.3	66,900	57,500	1.8	103,500	86,600	2.0	170,400
1997	28,000	2.6	73,500	59,900	1.7	102,300	87,900	2.0	175,800
1998	26,300	2.5	64,900	54,100	1.7	93,800	80,400	2.0	158,700

1940-1969 U.S. Census of Agriculture

1/ Dry hay only - excludes silage and green chop

2/ Not available